

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Replace the claims with the following rewritten listing:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for setting at least one stone (5)-having a girdle-(9) in a piece of metal-(1), said method comprising the following steps:  
— piercing at least one hole-(2) ~~is pierced~~ in the piece of metal (1) for receiving the stone,  
— placing a stone-(5) ~~is placed~~ in each hole-(2),  
— applying a tool-(6) ~~is applied~~ perpendicularly to ~~the~~a surface of the piece of metal and close to ~~the~~a periphery of each hole-(2), ~~the~~an end of said tool-(6) having a tip-(12) for pushing back a lip (8) of metal onto the girdle-(9) of the stone, and forming at least one indentation-(11) comprising at least one light-reflecting facet.
2. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the tool is applied manually.
3. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the tool is applied mechanically.
4. (Currently Amended) A tool-(6) for carrying out the method as claimed in ~~one of~~ claims 1-3, ~~characterized in that it has~~comprising at its end at least one convergent surface ending in a tip-(12).
5. (Currently Amended) The tool (6)-as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the tool (6)-has at ~~its~~the end a conical form ending in atip.
6. (Currently Amended) The tool (6)-as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the tool (6)-has at ~~its~~the end a tetrahedral form ending in atip.
7. (Currently Amended) The tool (6)-as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the tool (6)-has at ~~its~~the end several facets converging toward atip.
8. (Currently Amended) The tool (6)-as claimed in ~~one of~~ claims 4-7, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the tip of the tool has a radius of 0.2 to 0.5 mm.

9. (Currently Amended) A product such as a jewel or timekeeper comprising a piece of metal-(1) on which is placed at least one stone-(5) having a girdle, ~~said product being characterized in that it exhibits,~~the product comprising, around at least one stone-(5), at least one indentation having a facet impressed into ~~the~~a surface of the piece of metal-(1), forming a lip that covers the girdle-(9) of the stone-(5).

10. (Currently Amended) The product as claimed in claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~wherein an entire surface of the piece of metal-(1) bounded by two or more stones-(5) is impressed with indentations-(11).